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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH SENEGALESE ON KEY ISSUES

AT 29TH UNGA

REF: DAKAR 4998

SUMMARY: AT SECOND MEETING HELD WITH CABINET DIRECTOR
FONMIN YOUSSEPH SYLLA TO DISCUSS ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA,
AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY POL OFFICER, DISCUSSED
ISSUES OF RAW MATERIALS PRICES, TRADE BETWEEN LDCS AND
DEVELOPED NATIONS, SEVERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO
LDCS, AND KOREAN QUESTION. SYLLA ALSO TOLD AMB GROUP
OF 77 HAD SCHEDULED MEETING IN DAKAR FOR FEB 1975 PRIOR
TO NEXT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS PROJECTED FOR
MAY 1975. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO SYLLA US WOULD LIKE TO SEE
PRODUCERS OF RAW MATERIALS RECEIVE EQUITABLE PRICE FOR EXPORTS
BUT WE BELIEVE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS MUST BE TAKEN INTO
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ACCOUNT. SAID WE OPPOSED LINK BETWEEN PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS

EXPORTS AND MANUFACTURED EXPORTS, AND THAT WE WERE PROPOSING WORLDWIDE SYSTEM BE DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY RESOURCE SURPLUSES AND SCARCITIES. AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED INCREASED ASSISTANCE US INTENDS TO GIVE LDCS IN INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZER AND FOOD. HE SAID WE BELIEVE PRESENT PETROLEUM PRICES WAY OUT OF LINE.

2. SYLLA SAID INDEXATION WAS ONLY A SLOGAN AND SENEGALESE POSITION ON TRADE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS FLEXIBLE IN THAT REGARD. HE STRESSED THAT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO GUARANTEE RAW MATERIALS EXPORTERS FAIRER PRICES AS WELL AS PROTECTION FROM PRICE FLUCTUATIONS. HE SAID STATUS QUO UNACCEPTABLE. SYLLA ADDED THAT IT IS JUST AS ESSENTIAL TO GATHER DATA ON PRICES OF MANUFACTURES AS ON SUPPLIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SAID SENEGAL WANTED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TO COVER BOTH QUESTIONS.

3. SYLLA TOLD US GROUP OF 77 WOULD BE MEETING IN DAKAR IN FEB TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA IN MAY ON RAW MATERIALS ISSUES. HE SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET SOME WORKABLE PROPOSALS INTO PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. CONCLUDING ON OPTIMISTIC NOTE, HE EMPHASIZED, AS HE HAD IN EARLIER MEETING, SENEGAL'S DESIRE FOR COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. ON OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES AFFECTING LDCS, SYLLA SAID GREATER CONTROLS NEED TO BE PLACED ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. AT SAME TIME, HE AGREED WITH AMB THAT MNCs MUST BE GIVEN CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY CAN MAKE PROFIT AND THAT CLAIM OF RIGHT TO NATIONALIZE WITHOUT REGARD TO COMPENSATION WAS AN EMOTIONAL CLAIM WHICH HAD LITTLE RELEVANCE TO WORKING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT RELATIONS BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS.

5. SYLLA SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY SUPPORTS CREATION OF WORLD FOOD RESERVES AND BELIEVES THAT THESE MIGHT BE EFFECTIVELY CREATED IN SUB-REGIONS INCLUDING WEST AFRICA. ON SUBJECT OF UNIDO, SYLLA NOTED LDC'S NEED GREATLY INCREASED HELP FROM THAT BODY BUT THAT SOME "BIG POWERS" HAD BEEN OPPOSING

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INCREASES IN UNIDO'S BUDGET. SENEGAL BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT, HE CONTINUED, THAT UNIDO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES BEYOND EXTENSION OF CONSULTATIVE SERVICES TO ASSISTANCE IN OPERATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

6. AMB OUTLINED FOR AMB SYLLA US POSITION ON EXPANSION OF UN SEC. COUNCIL. SYLLA DID NOT SEEM AS INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE AS HE WAS DURING PREVIOUS DISCUSSION

(REFTEL), BUT CONFIRMED THAT AFRICANS WANTED PERMANENT SEAT NOT ONLY TO HAVE REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL BUT TO HAVE VETO POWER.

7. ON KOREAN QUESTION, SYLLA SAID HE HAD TOLD SENGHOR THAT SENEGAL HAD GOTTEN IN AWKWARD POSITION FROM WHICH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXTRICATE ITSELF IN VIEW OF ASSURANCES GIVEN TO NORTH KOREANS ON OCCASION OF SENGHOR'S VISIT THERE IN MAY 1974. HE ALSO SAID HE TOLD PRESIDENT AND FORMIN ASSANE SECK SENEGAL SHOULD ABSTAIN ON ISSUES OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND BUT EVIDENTLY HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT HIS TILT TOWARDS NORTH KOREANS. FOREIGN MINISTRY APPARENTLY IS STILL HOPING THAT UN WILL DEFER KOREAN QUESTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND THAT SENEGAL THUS WILL BE SPARED HAVING TO VOTE ON SUBSTANCE OF KOREAN ISSUE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED USG POSITION ON EXPANSION OF UNIDO ACTIVITIES. AGGREY
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